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**Echo Park Lake "Dear Mitch, Don't Evict Us" Letter**

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To: juan.fregoso@lacity.org

Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 2:14 PM

Hi Juan,  
I write you to express concern about the "Dear Mitch, Don't Evict Us" letter.  
The authors' predicaments and struggles are understandable but as a close neighbor of the park I cannot support or condone their plea.  
How can anyone be allowed permanent and lawful residence in the park?  
The park belongs to the public.  
Please, do not apply squatters rights to public parks.  
No one, no matter the circumstances, should hold residential rights to Echo Park Lake.

I do not support turning Echo Park Lake into anyone's home.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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Homeowner  
█ St. Los Angeles 90026

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Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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Hi █

Thank you for the follow up. I will share your email with the Councilmember and our staff.

If you have any more questions or would like to schedule a call to further discuss I can make myself available.

Thank you again for taking the time to reach out.

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To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Wed, Jan 29, 2020 at 2:35 PM

Thank you for your reply Juan.  
You spoke on the phone with my husband █ already. I got your e-mail when I called the Councilmember after reading the letter and shared it with him.  
As █ mentioned, we have found pipes, needles and shanks around the neighborhood and want to add our concerns to the conversation.  
I don't necessarily believe that drug use should be an argument against the encampment because they claim it's not coming from them,  
but the absence of drug use cannot be an argument to concede Echo Park Lake to a few individuals either.

It's regrettable that the letter attempts to skew the public perception of the city and law enforcement officials' work as abusive and harassment.  
I found the letter manipulative using terms such as eviction, displacement, and persecution.  
The encampments refuses to cooperate with reasonable, hard working city officials that respond to the neighbor's calls to clean up the park and then they claim to be victims of harassment.

This contract they suggest sounds like a logistical nightmare.  
How would their pledge be held accountable?  
Who will choose who gets permanent Echo Park Lake residence and who doesn't?  
What kind of limits would have to be put in place?

Please let me know how else I can help to show my support for the cleaning and clearing efforts of the park so that everyone can enjoy it in it's entirety.

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